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SUBJECT: VISIT OF GAO TEAM ON EAST WEST CENTER

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1. WELCOME VISIT OF GAO TEAM BUT DATES NOT CONVENIENT. TWO PEOPLE IN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MOST CONCERNED WITH EWC PROGRAM WILL BE OUT OF COUNTRY. PATRICIA WEE, WHO HANDLES DAY-TO-DAY OPERATION OF PROGRAM, WILL DEPART SEPTEMBER 18 FOR ORIENTATION PROGRAM AT EWC AND ON TO MAINLAND FOR ANNUAL LEAVE. RETURNING NOVEMBER 2, MISS CHOW MIEW BOEY, HEAD OF PSC SCHOLARSHIP SECTION WILL BE IN FRANCE FOR THREE WEEKS BEGINNING OCTOBER 15. THEREFORE SUGGEST TEAM TRAVEL TO SINGAPORE FROM TAIPEI AND MOVE ON TO KUALA LUMPUR AND BANGKOK. THIS WOULD ALLOW TALKS WITH MISS CHOW BEFORE HER DEPARTURE. PATRICIA WEE CAN CALL AT
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GAO OFFICES IN HONOLULU DURING EWC PROGRAM THERE FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH GAO TEAM, ADVISE IF ACCEPTABLE.

2. OTHER RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENTS INCLUDE SECRETARY OF PSC, CHANG KWANG SEH; RETURNEE JOHN ANG OF UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE'S SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT WHO DID MA AT EWC 1971-73; SOH TIANG KENG, JEFFERSON FELLOW, 1971, WHO IS JOURNALIST WITH STRAITS TIMES;

AND HARDIAL SINGH, CURATOR OF BOTANIC GARDENS, WHO DID MA IN
HORTICULTURE, 1969-71.

3. WISH TO STRESS VITAL ROLE PLAYED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
IN ADMINISTRATION OF EWC PROGRAMS. PSC HAS GOVERNMENT MANDATE TO
HANDLE ALL FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIPS, EXCEPT THOSE GIVEN DIRECTLY BY
UNIVERSITIES. EWC MUST MAKE ALL GRANT OFFERS THROUGH PSC, AS WE
DO WITH FULBRIGHT PROGRAM. WHILE PSC WILL ACCEPT SUGGESTIONS FOR
INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANTS IT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SELECT ALL GRANT
RECIPIENTS. EWC HAS RIGHT TO REFUSE PSC NOMINATIONS. THUS, VITAL
THAT GAO TEAM MEET WITH MISS CHOW AND MISS WEE AS SUGGESTED
PARA 1.
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